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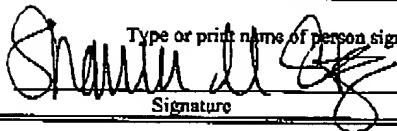
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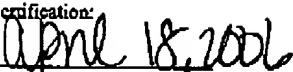
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**The Claims** are shown in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.